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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS

Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements dated February 7, 2006 applicants submit herewith duly executed declaration.

The amount of \$ 130.00 is being charged as per attached form PTO-2038.

Should any additional fee be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fee, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 11-1835.

As required, a copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements is attached.

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Since all the missing requirements have now been supplied, it is submitted that the application is now complete and in form for examination. Accordingly, such examination and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Copy of Notification of Missing Requirements; Executed Declaration; PTO-2038 (\$130.00).

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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 05/27/2005
- English Translation of the IA filed on 05/27/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 05/27/2005
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 05/27/2005
- Copy of Annexes to the IPER filed on 05/27/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 05/27/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 05/27/2005
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 05/27/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 05/27/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 05/27/2005

The following items MUST be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

• Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.

Additionally the following defects have been observed:

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 The translations of Annexes are canceled since the translations were not submitted prior to 30 months. from the priority date.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the response.

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